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## **WPD Looking for Volunteers for Accessible Parking Program**

### **Program targets those who park illegally in handicap spaces**

The Wichita Police Department's Accessible Parking Enforcement Program is looking for a few dedicated people, according to Lieutenant Darras Delamaide, the program's supervisor.

"Volunteers who work in the program patrol parking lots photographing violators who illegally park in marked handicapped spaces without a handicapped placard or license plate," said Delamaide. "Accessible parking enforcement volunteers also look for those who park on the adjacent lines blocking loading or unloading access for vehicles carrying those with a physical impairment. Those who volunteer for this project are performing an important civic duty. It's an important job and one that can be very rewarding."

Delamaide said those who would like to volunteer for the program must meet certain criteria.

"Among the requirements is that volunteers have a high school diploma or GED, be at least 21 years old, have a valid Class 'C' drivers license, provide their own transportation and fuel, and pass a background check. In addition, volunteers must have a cell phone while volunteering, be able to attend court hearings, and have no history of mental instability or competency."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to be a part of the Accessible Parking Enforcement Program can submit an application to the Wichita Police Department Community Affairs Section. Further information and a downloadable application at [www.wichitapolice.gov](http://www.wichitapolice.gov). Click on the link to Crime Prevention and then Accessible Parking Program. Potential volunteers can also call 316-268-4101. Application deadline is April 10, 2010. Mandatory training will take place the evening of May 4, 2010.